

**Memorandum of the Meeting  
Twenty-Seventh Town Council  
Regular Study Session  
Monday, June 04, 2012**

The Highland Town Council met in its standing regular study session on Monday, June 04, 2012 at 7:05 o'clock p.m. in the regular place, the Council upper meeting chambers of the Highland Municipal Building.

*Silent Roll Call:* Councilors Bernie Zemen; Mark A. Herak; Brian Novak; Dan Vassar; and Konnie Kuiper were all present. A quorum was established.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Michael W. Griffin, was present to memorialize the meeting.

Also present: Ed Dabrowski, IT Director (Contract) was also present.

Additional guests: Jeff Langbein, Esq., Executive Director of the Lake County Solid Waste Management District (LCSWMD); Cliff Duggan, Attorney for LCSWMD; and Ed Cleveland, representing the Powers Investment Group, the investor seeking to construct a *Trash to Ethanol* Facility.

**General Substance of Matters Discussed**

1. The Town Council reviewed the enrolled text for an ordinance to regulate Cash for Gold and Pawnbroker businesses. The discussion noted that these businesses would be required to keep a publically reviewable record of buyers and sellers. It was noted that the ordinance relied on an ordinance currently in force in the City of Hammond.

The discussion included what officer should have the authority to revoke any licenses issued, and to distinguish the businesses regulated from other similar businesses such as regular Jewelry Stores. Councilor Herak indicated that he would follow-up with the Tauber Law Offices and have the current version revised to reflect discussed changes.

2. The Town Council and the IT Director (contract) discussed the current service contract with AT&T. It was noted that AT&T would not change the price for its 24 month service to the monthly amount for 36 months. The current amount is \$1,500 per month for the 24 month service agreement and \$500 per month for the 36 month service period, according to the IT Director.
3. The Town Council and the IT Director (contract) discussed the pending purchase of the three year rotation for computers. The IT Director noted that he had ordered in advance of Council authorization under the purchasing code. The items, purchased by CBL, the IT Director's company, arrived based upon a group order that included another client as well. He would be seeking authorization at the Town Council Plenary Business meeting of June 11, 2012.
4. The Town Council and the IT Director (contract) discussed the maintenance of the Municipal main Website and some of the needs for its possible redesign.
5. The Town Council discussed informally the policy related to service charges for police services related to special events. The Council discussed if all schools rather than just public schools could be exempted from the policy being contemplated in which organizations may be liable for service charges. The Town Council determined that when the current enrolled draft ordinance was ready for Council review and added mark-up, the matter could be further discussed.

6. Mr. Langbein, Esq., Mr. Duggan, Esq., and Mr. Cleveland offered a presentation regarding the status of the *Trash to Ethanol* Initiative and the rationale for the proposed interlocal cooperation agreement. The presentation included an historical survey associated with the initiative.

Furthermore, Superior Construction of Gary, Indiana, Morrison Construction of Hammond, and Continental Electric of Gary, were identified as investors in the project, forming the SMC, LLC as the investment group. The Executive Director further revealed that a known energy company has contracted to purchase the ethanol that may be generated from the process.

It was further noted that the agreement does not bind the localities. Adoption by July 18, 2012, will allow the early adopters to enjoy added benefits that will not be available to late adopters. It was further noted that the local investors seek the early adoption to meet some timetables necessary to meet some financing goals with equity partners and the underwriters.

The discussion included an exploration of how investors are assured by “non-binding” agreements from communities to participate. Further, the discussion included the nature of liability for localities that participate.

There being no further business to discuss, the regular study session of Monday, June 04, 2012 was adjourned at 8:40 O'clock p.m.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA  
Clerk-Treasurer